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**(U) CALIFORNIA****(U) Aliso Viejo - Package Bomb Suspected in Deadly Day Spa Explosion**

(U) A deadly explosion that ripped through a day spa and tore a corner off the building housing medical offices on 15 May is being considered by authorities as a crime. The blast is believed to have been caused by an explosive package sent to the spa, and was targeting the owner, according to officials. The two customers injured underwent surgery Wednesday and were expected to survive. A third victim was treated for smoke inhalation. Remnants of the explosive device are being sent to the FBI's lab in Quantico, Virginia to be analyzed.

SOURCE: 16 May 2018, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Glendale - Detective Arrested on Suspicion of Lying About His Mexican Mafia, Organized Crime Connections**

(U) A police detective suspected of lying to federal agents who were investigating his connections to the Mexican Mafia and Armenian organized crime appeared in federal court yesterday in Los Angeles. Authorities allege that the detective worked with a local street gang member and a Mexican Mafia associate on several criminal activities, to allegedly include being involved in disposing of a firearm used in a shooting and an accomplice in at least two extortions. If convicted, the former detective could face a maximum sentence of five years in federal prison.

SOURCE: 16 May 2018, [Pasadena Star News](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER****(U) Southwest Border - Border Enforcement Surge on Federal Lands Result in 13 Apprehensions**

(U) New police officers for US Fish and Wildlife Service were added by the US Interior Department to national parks and wildlife refuges along the US-Mexico border, and have already arrested 13 undocumented immigrants and recovered one gun, the government said yesterday. Interior Secretary Zinke deployed the new officers to federal lands along the US-Mexico border on 14 May to support the increase in enforcement. The role of the additional Fish and Wildlife officers starkly differs from that of the National Guard troops who are playing a non-enforcement supporting role.

SOURCE: 16 May 2018, [Washington Times](#)

**(U) NATIONAL****(U) Texas - Parent Takes Son to Turn Himself in on Terroristic Threat Charges**

(U) Conroe - Authorities say a local 17-year-old student is facing charges of making a terroristic threat after being identified during an investigation into the alleged threat. The district attorney's office said one of teenager's parents brought him to the Montgomery County Jail on 14 May to turn himself in. The teen is also facing an additional count of retaliation, but authorities did not elaborate on details of that charge, or the charge of making terroristic threats.

SOURCE: 16 May 2018, [ABC News](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****(U) District of Columbia - US State Department Adds Islamic State in the Greater Sahara to Terrorist List**

(U) Washington - The US State Department (USSD) added the so-called Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS) to the US government's list of specially designated global terrorist organizations yesterday. USSD also added the group's leader, Abu Walid al Sahrawi, as a specially designated global terrorist. ISGS has claimed several attacks in Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali. Since then, it has claimed a handful of operations in the tri-country region--most notably, the Oct 2017 ambush near Tongo Tongo, Niger, which killed four US soldiers and five Nigerian soldiers.

SOURCE: 16 May 2018, [Long War Journal](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Egypt - Egyptian Military Kills 19, Arrests 20 in Sinai Operation**

(U) Sinai - Egypt's military and police forces have killed 19 militants in an exchange of gunfire and arrested 20 suspects, in a continuing crackdown in Sinai, the military said in a statement today. Security forces launched a large-scale security operation in February to crush militants who have waged an insurgency that has killed hundreds of security forces and residents over many years. The statement said the militants' deaths bring the total of those killed since the beginning of the operation to at least 296—including 35 military personnel—according to Reuters calculations, based on military statements.

SOURCE: 17 May 2018, [Reuters](#)

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